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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached Form PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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The Examiner's attention also is directed to the following co-pending, commonly-owned U.S. patent applications: (1) U.S. patent application no. 10/175,480, filed June 19, 2002 (allowed), which is a CIP application of PCT/US00/34404, filed December 19, 2000, and claims priority from U.S. provisional application no. 60/172,752 (now abandoned), filed December 20, 1999; (2) U.S. patent application no. 10/175,460, filed June 19, 2002, which is a CIP application of PCT/US00/34412, filed December 19, 2000, and claims priority from U.S. provisional application no. 60/172,836 (now abandoned), filed December 20, 1999; and (3) U.S. patent application no. 10/130,763, filed May 21, 2002, which is a national stage application of PCT/US00/34418, filed December 19, 2000, and claims priority from U.S. provisional application no. 60/172,911 (now abandoned), filed December 21, 1999. The identification of these U.S. patent applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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